



**State of California – Natural Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** California State Parks  
One Capitol Mall, Suite 410  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**PROJECT TITLE:** Vehicle Bridge Repair (FR5N18) Repair

**LOCATION:** Calaveras Big Trees State Park

**COUNTY:** Calaveras County

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Repair a deteriorating bridge deck by applying emergency safety measures to the Big Trees Parkway, a critical bridge crossing over the North Fork of the Stanislaus River, within Calaveras Big Trees State Park. All work will occur within the prism of the roadway and bridge deck. Steel trench plates will be installed on the prism of the roadway to address corrosion and delamination of the bridge deck. Work includes:

- Install temporary chain link fencing to identify the staging area and protect the public;
- Install a total of twelve 6' x 12' x 1' steel trench plates, with non-slip surface, on the bridge deck;
  - Install temporary jersey plastic interlocking vehicle barriers across the length of the bridge for one-lane control;
  - Install steel plates with mechanical equipment;
  - Place cold planed asphalt around the steel plates, approximately 6" wide and 2" deep;
  - Press cold planed asphalt to form a perimeter around the trench plates.

Work will not adversely affect natural or cultural resources.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Northern Service Center

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption      *Class:* 1      *Section:* 15301

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. This project is in accordance with the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.

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